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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Strictly speaking, does not arise. However, for the information of the Member, I may add that the Government learnt that, at a conference of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers held at Madras on the 20th May 1956, a resolution was passed that, if the emoluments of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers were not increased, the Non-Gazetted Government Officers should defer receipt of pay on the pay day of July 1956. Taking notice of the above information, Government considered the matter carefully and issued a Press Note reminding Government servants that their action would constitute an act of indiscipline, for which the Association would run the risk of having its recognition withdrawn by the Government and that individual Government servants who participated in the demonstration would lay themselves open to disciplinary action. The attention of the member is invited to the Press Note, dated the 27th June 1956, issued in this connexion, copy [a] of which is placed on the table of the House.

Allocation of staff under the reorganization of States

* 183 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding the allocation of staff working at present under this Government to the other States which will be formed consequent on the reorganization of States; and

(b) the safeguards that will be provided for protecting their interests in regard to their past service and salary on their transfer to the new States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) In the allocation of personnel to Kerala and Mysore States consequent on the reorganization of States it is the desire of this Government to go by the wishes of the officers to the extent feasible but without conceding any right of option. In making the actual allocation preference is therefore given to those who have volunteered to serve in the new States. It is also the desire of the Government that the areas to be transferred to Kerala and Mysore should as far as possible be manned by officers with the respective linguistic affinities.

(b) The coditions of services of officers allotted to the new States of Kerala and Mysore consequent on the reorganization of States will be subject to the provisions contained in the draft States Reorganization Bill and also by the general policy that may be laid down by the Government of India. The attention of the Hon. Member is invited, in this connexion to the proviso to sub-clause (7) of clause 116 of the States Reorganization Bill, 1956, and it has become an Act now, under which the condition of service of

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the personnel to be transferred would not be varied to their disadvantage except with the previous approval of the Central Government.

Madras Government support to Ceylon Tamilians

* 184 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government have received any communication from the Ceylon Government during August 1956 either directly or through Central Government stating that Madras Government are supporting the Ceylon Tamilians in their campaign against Ceylon Government in her language policy; and

(b) if so, whether this Government have sent any reply to it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) In view of the answer to clause (a), the question does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: During August, Sri Bandarnayke, Prime Minister of Ceylon, had stated publicly in the Press that the Madras Government were supporting the Ceylon Tamilians in their campaign against the Ceylon Government. I wish to know why this Government had not refuted this allegation immediately?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: When it was brought to my notice that there was some such misunderstanding, namely, that there was official support to this movement in the Madras State, I made a statement to the Press that the Government had nothing to do with the propaganda going on here and that as a matter of fact, they could not stop any such propaganda going on here provided it was within the bounds of law.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Is the Hon. Minister aware of the wounded feelings of the two crores of Tamilians in the Madras State about the anti-Tamil policy pursued by the Bandarnayke Government that denies the fundamental rights of 20 lakhs of Tamil people in Ceylon to speak and write in the great language of their forefathers and does the Hon. Minister propose to take steps through appropriate constitutional channels to allay the wounded feelings of the Tamilians of the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: This is a matter concerning the affairs of the Ceylon Government and certainly we cannot constitutionally interfere with the affairs of another State. The Government of India are also aware of the state of affairs there and whatever is possible at the international level I am sure steps would have been taken.